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The plan to change the name of New Mexico when admitted as a State to Lincoln should meet with the approval of all, for there are many reasons why a change of name is desirable. First of all, the name Lincoln is shorter and has not that unnecessary, that absurd and senseless prefix "New." There are many people in the eastern portion of the United States and even as far west as Kansas and Nebraska who, from the name New Mexico, have become imbued with the idea that this territory is in some way connected with Mexico, for not long since a dollar was received by this paper from a school teacher in Nebraska, an old friend who stated that as he had never seen a Mexican dollar he would like to have one to show his friends. He was directed to the banks in El Paso to supply him with what to him would be a curiosity. Many others who in the past have visited this valley seemed surprised that this territory was not in some way connected with Mexico. Misconception and ignorance will exist as long as the world stands and anything that can be done to limit explanation on such a subject should be done as it costs nothing and saves valuable time. Then again, the name Lincoln, would meet with the approval of all, for Lincoln was a Southern man, a Northern man, and also an Eastern and Western man, a man that was big enough to command the respect and love of all, and it is the opinion of this paper that some state should long since have been named after one of the greatest men that ever lived—Abraham Lincoln.

The constant reports of fires in unprotected towns along the railway, reminds in a very forcible way that it is a fortunate thing to reside and own property in a town like Carlsbad, that has at present the best fire protection of any town of its size in the West. Only last week the third fire in a year or two occurred in Elida, the little town this side of Portales in Roosevelt county, when \$40,000 worth of property was destroyed. Carlsbad is not only protected by the direct pressure from a standpipe that rises 105 feet above the level of the main business portion of the town, but in case of accident to this stand pipe, the water from the railway standpipe can be turned into the mains, and with the booster pump a pressure of 100 pounds can be maintained during any fire. Insurance rates should be adjusted especially for Carlsbad, for at present we are paying about the same as Roswell and other towns not so well protected.

What is the matter with having a few races Christmas. There are several good running ponies, besides a few trotters and pacers in the country and if they could be induced to come out, a very fine Christmas celebration could be gotten up. There might also be a game of basket ball, foot ball and base ball and sprinting. There is

no necessity of going to any more expense than is ordinarily made in getting up a game of basket or foot ball.

Doings Under the Project.

M. Ewers, who has been gradually going into gardening, is getting better satisfied as he progresses that gardening is profitable. He has grown a great deal of garden truck this year, and has supplied the merchants as well as private customers with nearly everything that will grow in a garden all through the summer and fall. Mr. Ewers brought in some dry onions this week of good size and extra fine quality. Onions is considered a very profitable crop wherever they can be grown successfully, and Mr. Ewers' experiment would indicate that conditions here are very favorable for the growing of onions. Mr. Ewers also brought in some curiosities in the shape of over-grown volunteer radishes that started in unplowed ground, during the rains in July. These radishes are over a foot long and about 10 inches in circumference. They are not smooth however, as they would have been had they grown in plowed land.

The fertilizer factory just south of town that has been idle for many months is again being operated, but guano from the caves eighteen miles out from Carlsbad is again being mined, and being hauled in to the factory. A complete survey of the beds of guano in the caves has been made during the summer, and the owners know exactly how much of the product they have. The caves contain about 40,000 tons of high grade guano that analyzes a valuable phosphoric acid ten per cent, ammonia seven per cent, potash one per cent. The largest fertilizer concerns in the United States, who buy guano from Mexico, South America and other places for use in their factories, consider the Carlsbad product for their purpose, and are anxious to use it. The factory has a capacity of ten tons a day of the finished product. This fertilizer is especially adapted to the soil of the Pecos Valley, and it is not likely that it will be shipped out of the Valley in any large quantity after the people of the Valley learn its true value.

Oats are still being planted on land that was irrigated just before the water was turned out of the canal. The acreage of oats under the Project is much larger than last year. A better stand has been obtained because better seed has been used, and the soil has been prepared better than last year. The condition of the oat crop is better this year than it was a year ago. Prospects are that the yield will average at least ten bushels an acre more than last season. The average yield last year was over 40 bushels. This is a better average yield than oat growing states usually show. The average in Illinois last year was 24.5 bushels, Iowa 24.2 bushels, Nebraska 20.4 and Kansas 16. The price received for the oats here is also higher than in the middle west. The lowest price here at the time of threshing last year was \$1.55 a hundred, or about 50 cents a bushel. It is no wonder, therefore, that the oat fields here appeal to the prospectors from the middle west, that have been growing oats on high priced land and have been satisfied with returns. Here they find cheaper land that will grow more oats, that sell at a higher price than

they ever can hope to receive at home. We have the two great essentials in abundance, sun and water, and a grain crop is practically sure every year.

The Reclamation Service is making good progress in the work at McMillan Reservoir. The concrete work on the new gates was already so far advanced a week ago that the gates could be opened and the water allowed to pass on through. The gates will remain open until the embankment on the east side is far enough advanced to permit storage of water. Over one half of the heavy embankment on the west side is in, and it is expected that the gates will be closed in a few days, and winter storage of water can begin. The lateral system will undergo the usual winter cleaning, and in addition laterals will be extended to all raw land under the Project and new gates installed wherever necessary.

Contracts have been let for the grubbing and plowing of over 500 acres east of Loving. This is land that has been sold to actual settlers within the past month, and they aim to have this land in shape for cultivation by the time the next irrigation season opens. The new settlers are as a rule, preparing to make their homes here. The lumber dealers and the hardware men report a marked improvement in their line of business which indicates that there is more building in progress than heretofore.

The Lower Hagerman Farm across the Pecos river from Loving is not a part of the Carlsbad Project, as it has an independent water supply taken out of the Pecos river just east of Loving, but otherwise it may be considered an important part of this particular district. The new owners are planning extensive improvements on this farm. John A. Hartshorn, who has charge of the work, put a force of men to work on Tuesday to clean the canal and lateral ditches preparatory to extensive enlargement of the canal and extension of the laterals. As soon as the canal is dry enough to permit work, he will employ as many teams and men as can be used to advantage on this work. The dam will be repaired, and also raised about two feet. When this work is done, nearly all of the 4,000 acres under this canal can be irrigated. The canal will be extended to a fine body of land east of Malaga, that has never been under cultivation. About \$20,000 will be expended on this improvement.

H. W. Hawkinson returned from his old home in Springfield, Illinois, Saturday morning. Mr. Hawkinson has spent the summer improving his place near Otis, which he purchased from C. J. Demorest, and has it now in most excellent condition, with a good stand of oats on the entire tract. He has also built a neat cottage, and otherwise improved the place. There being but little work to do on the place for the next few months, Mr. Hawkinson decided, therefore, to return east and work at his old trade in the large watch factory until the next irrigation season opens. Mr. Hawkinson is already classed among the builders of the Carlsbad project.

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